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Chardonnens et al.

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For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES ENCODING  
PROTEINS ASSOCIATED WITH ABIOTIC  
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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF  
INSUFFICIENT FEES (DO/EO/US)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notification of Insufficient Fees (DO/EO/US) dated November 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.